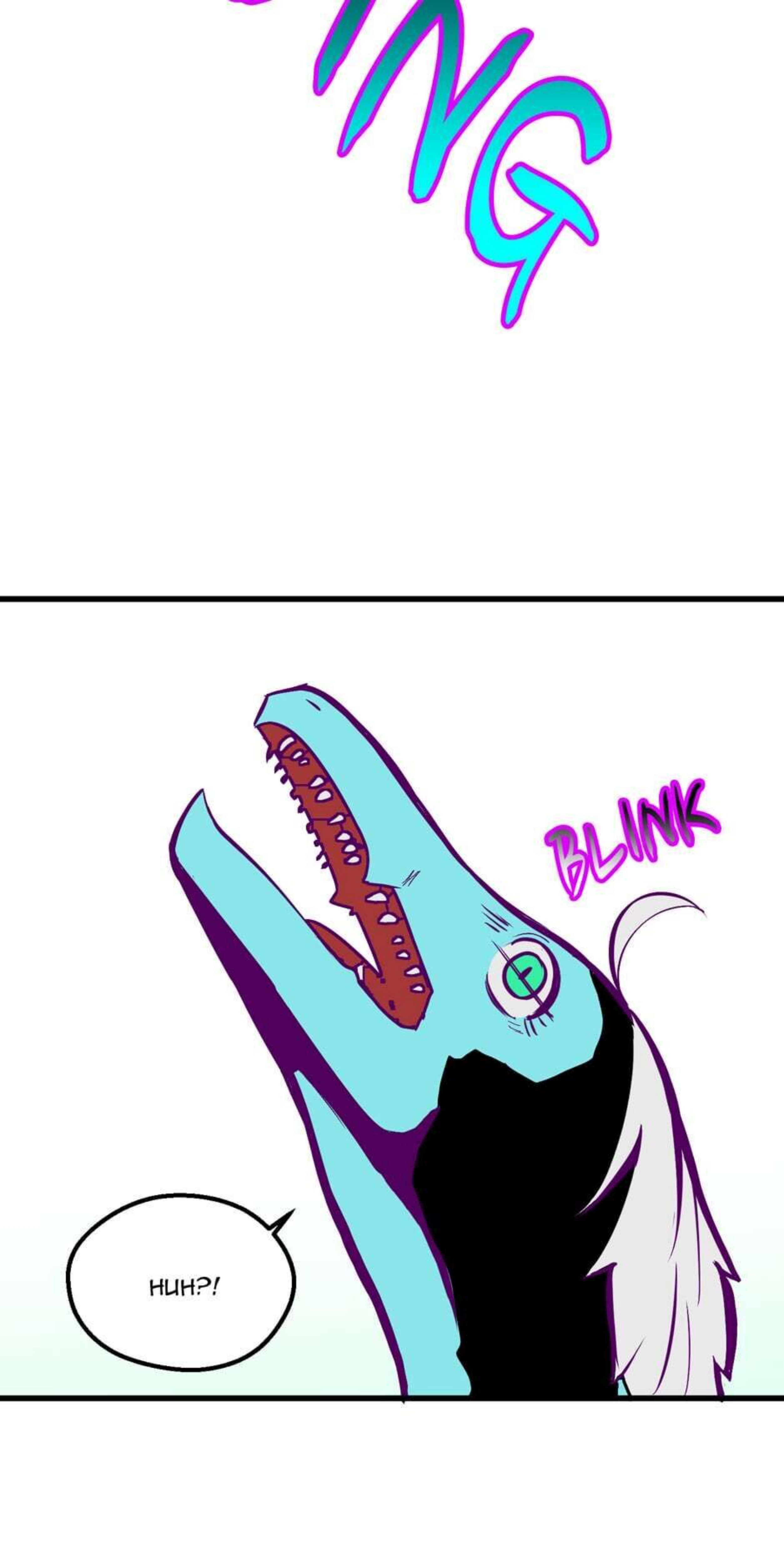

ING
BLINK
HUH?!

WH-WHERE... AM I?
WHAT WAS I DOING JUST NOW...?

HEY, EPHYR!

I KNOW THAT VOICE...!

GYAA~

CHIEF! HOW SHOULD WE NAME THIS WYVERN?

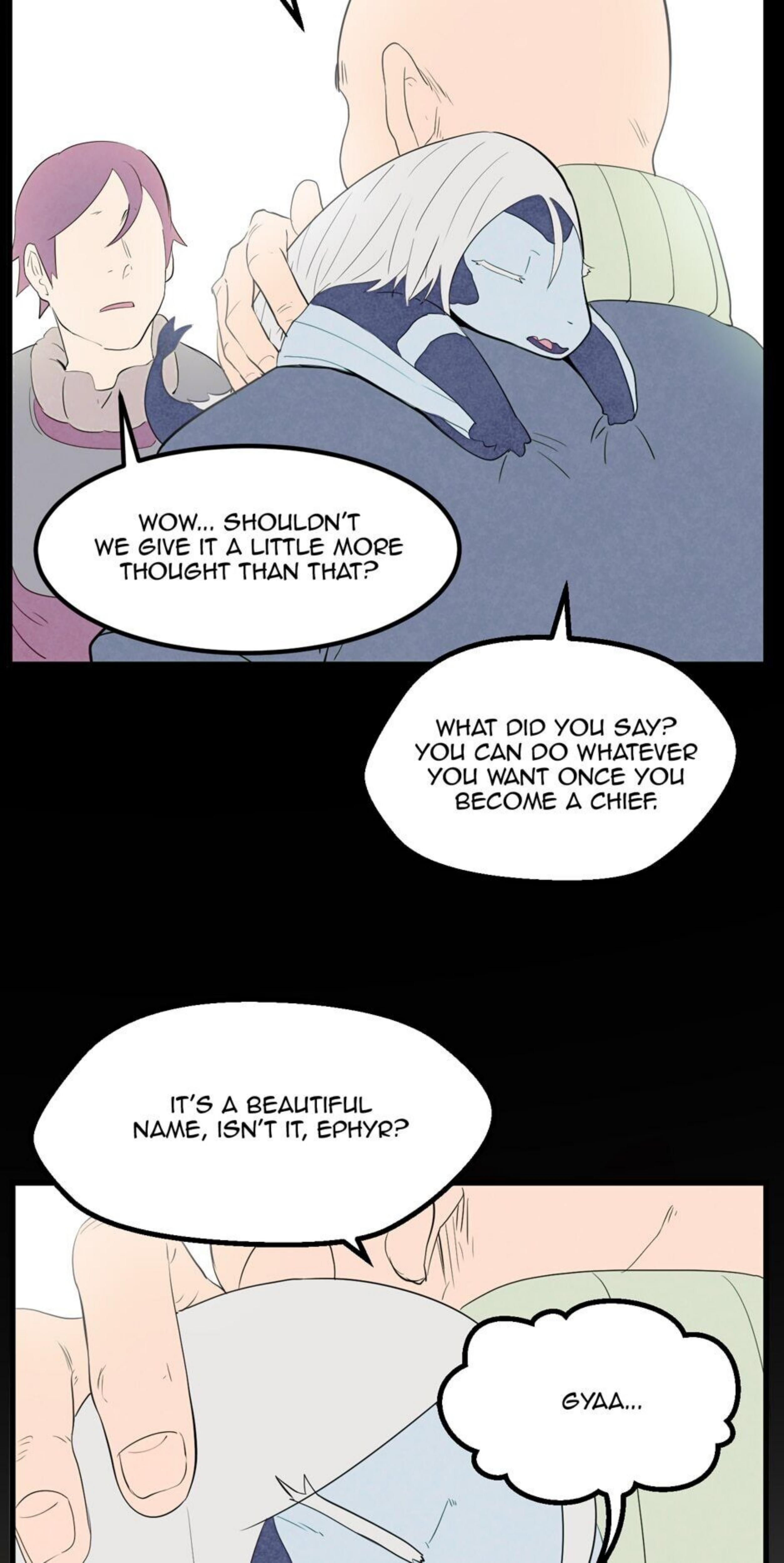
HM... IT'S A FEMALE, SO HOW ABOUT APRIL?

GYAAAA~

YOU DON'T LIKE IT? HOW ABOUT... EPHYR?

GYA!

OKAY! YOUR NAME IS EPHYR FROM NOW ON.


WOW... SHOULDN'T WE GIVE IT A LITTLE MORE THOUGHT THAN THAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY? YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT ONCE YOU BECOME A CHIEF.
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NAME, ISN'T IT, EPHYR?
GYAA...

CHIEF BALDY? I-IS THAT REALLY YOU, CHIEF BALDY?
OF COURSE IT'S ME! WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?
AND I'M NOT 'CHIEF BALDY.' I'M THE CHIEF OF THE FLYING DRAGON KNIGHTS!

YOU RE...

...YOU'RE ALIVE,
BALDY KNIGHTS CHIEF...

WHO THE HECK IS 'BALDY KNIGHTS CHIEF'?!

WHAT, ARE YOU CRYING?
HOW CAN YOU BE OUR ACE
IF YOU CRY LIKE THAT?

SOMETHING GOT IN MY EYE, THAT'S ALL...

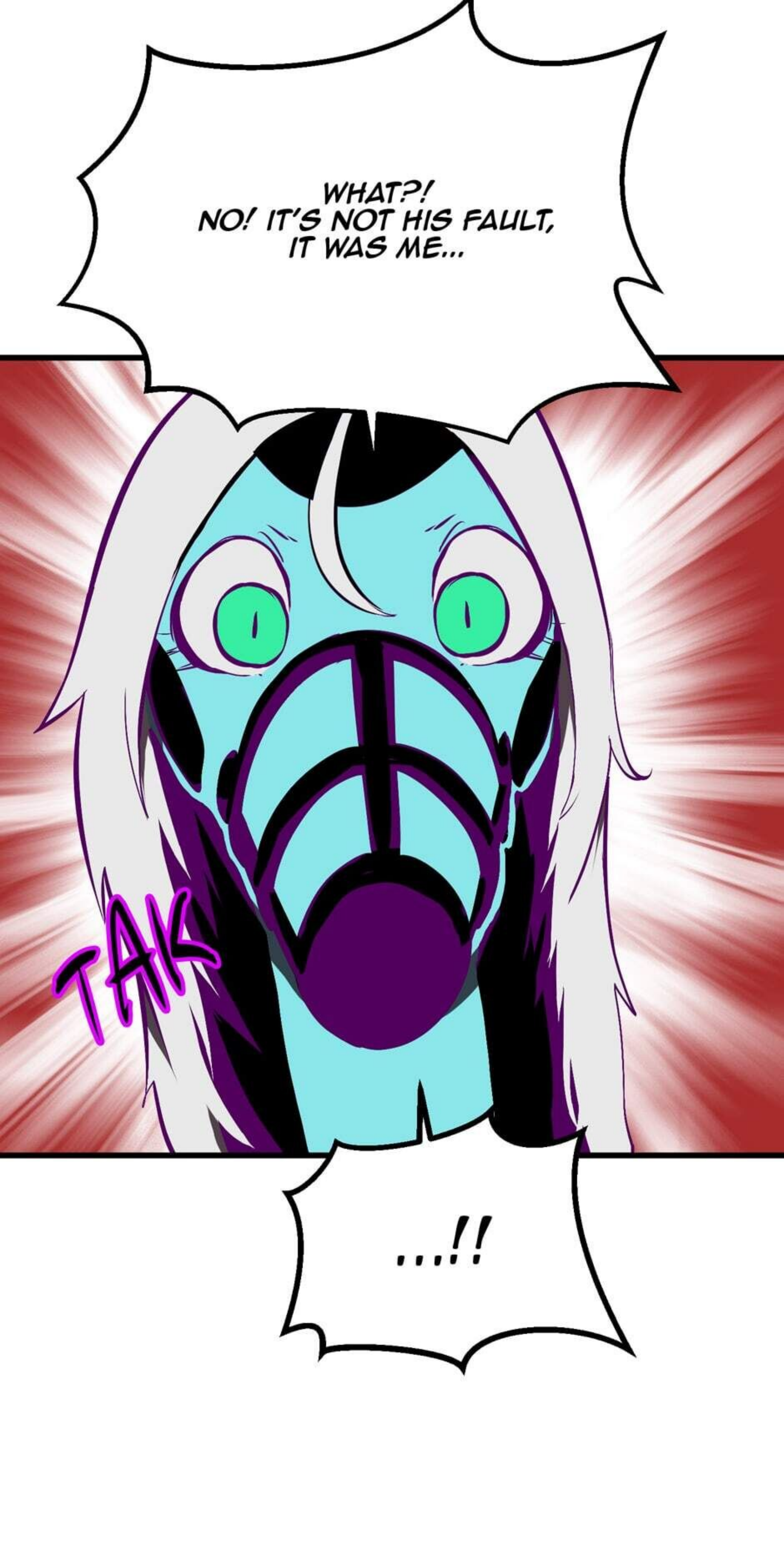
BUT MORE THAN THAT, WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHER FLYING DRAGON KNIGHTS?

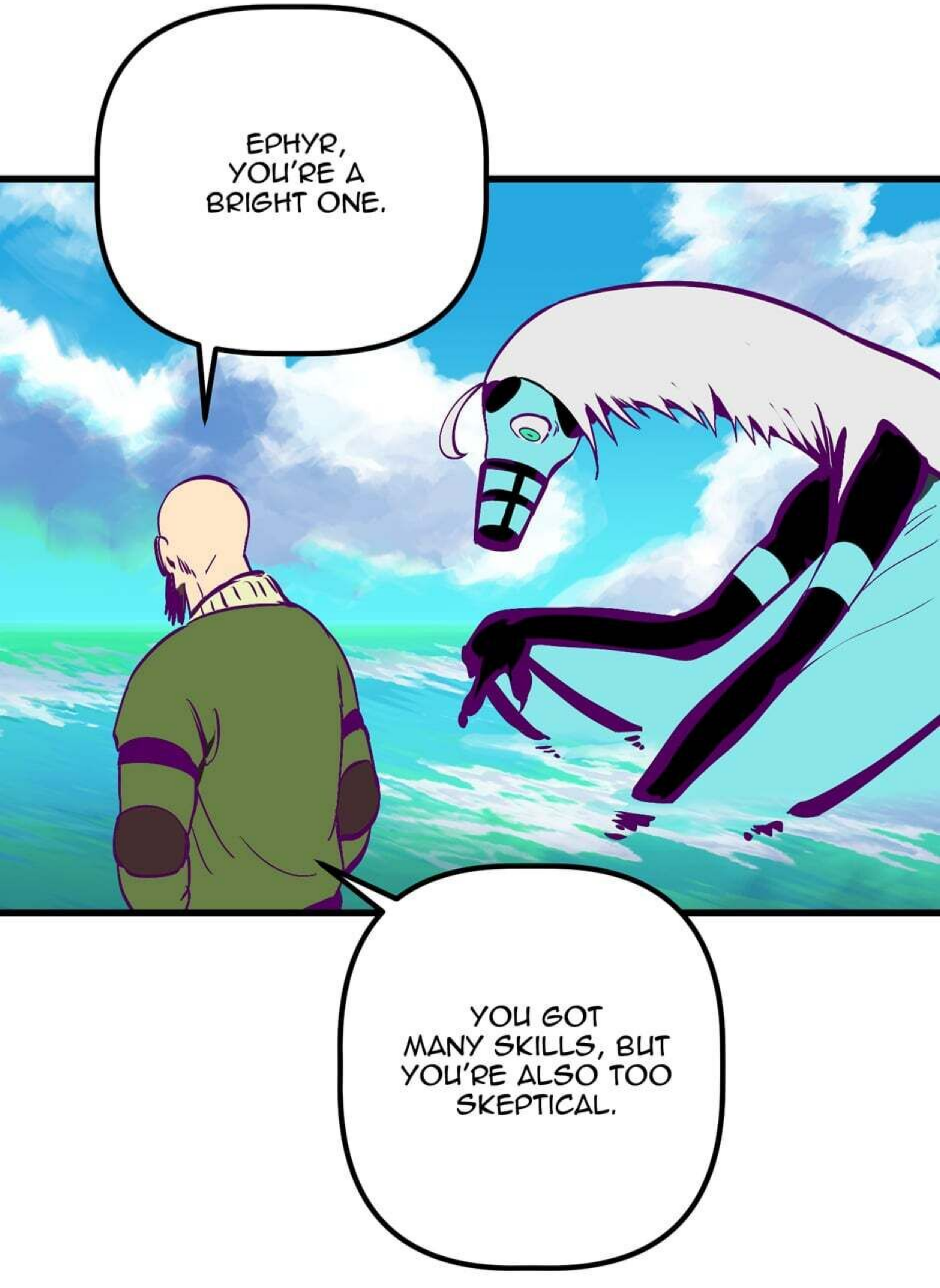
IT'S NOT THEIR TIME YET.

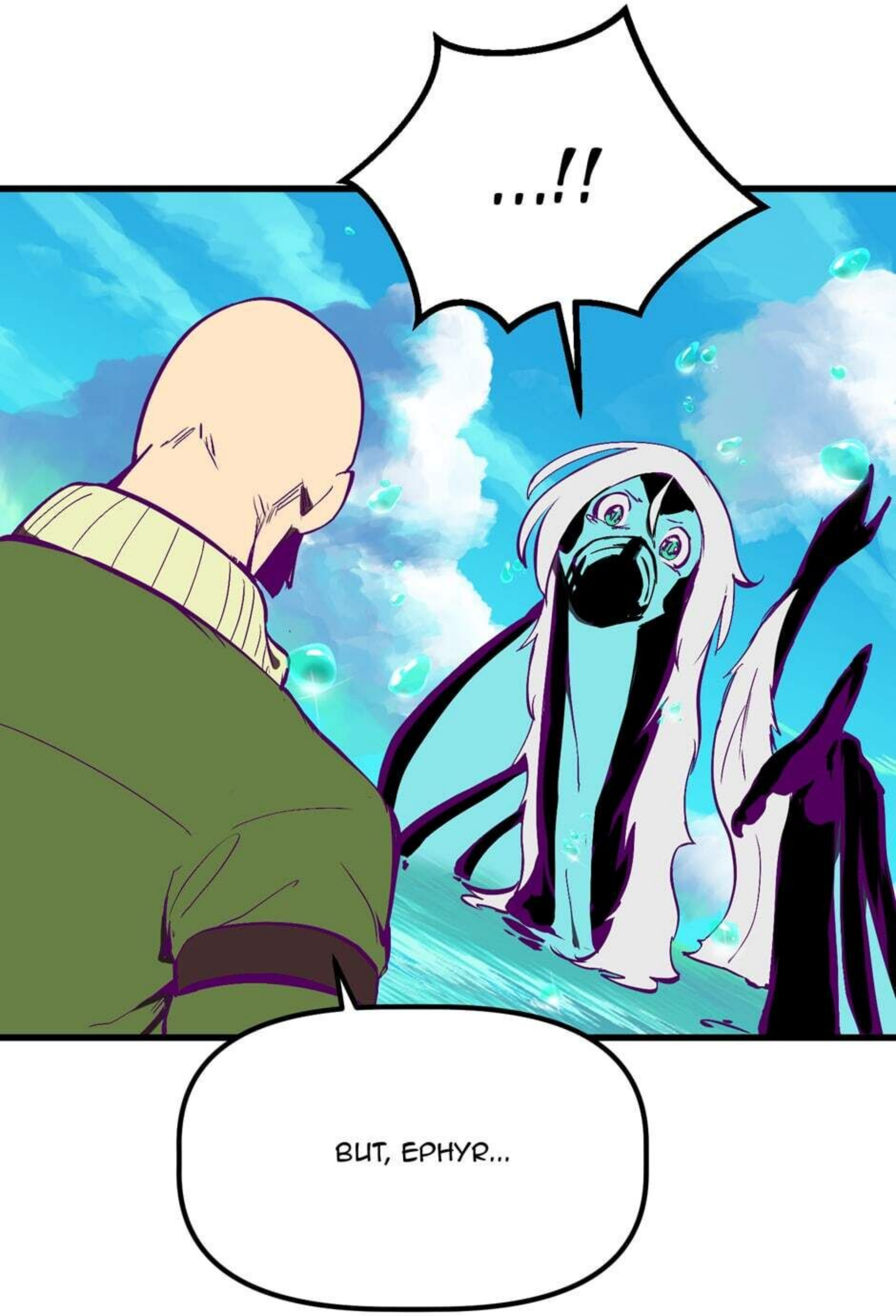
...HUH?

FOR THE CRIME OF
RISKING THE PRINCE'S SAFETY
AND CAUSING HIS DEATH
WHILE FLYING,

THE KNIGHT IN CHARGE
OF THE FLYING DRAGON IN
QUESTION, THE CHIEF OF THE
FLYING DRAGON KNIGHTS, SHALL
BE PUNISHED BY EXECUTION.


WHAT?!
NO! IT'S NOT HIS FAULT,
IT WAS ME...
TAK
...!!


EPHYR, YOU'RE A BRIGHT ONE.
YOU GOT MANY SKILLS, BUT YOU'RE ALSO TOO SKEPTICAL.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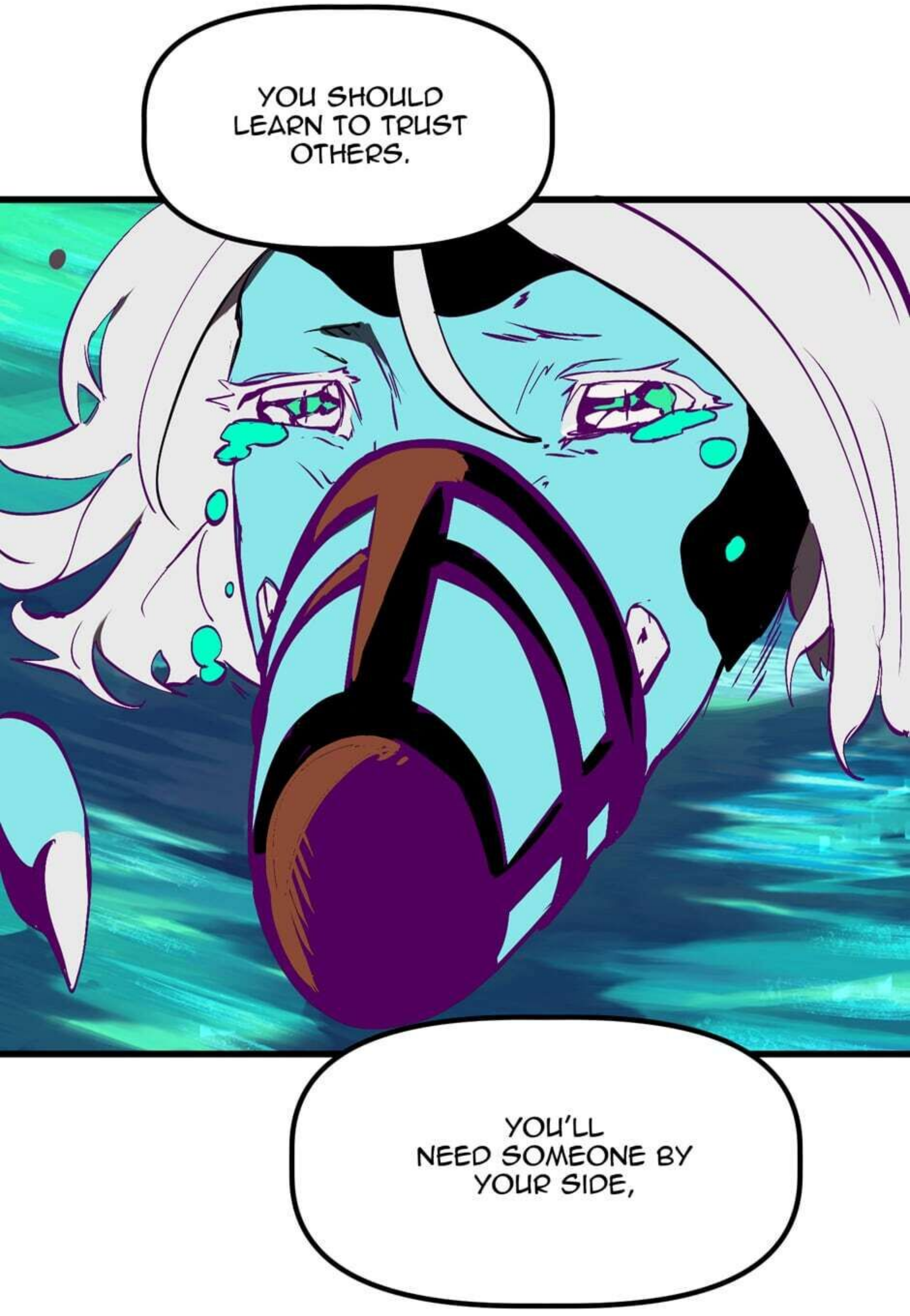
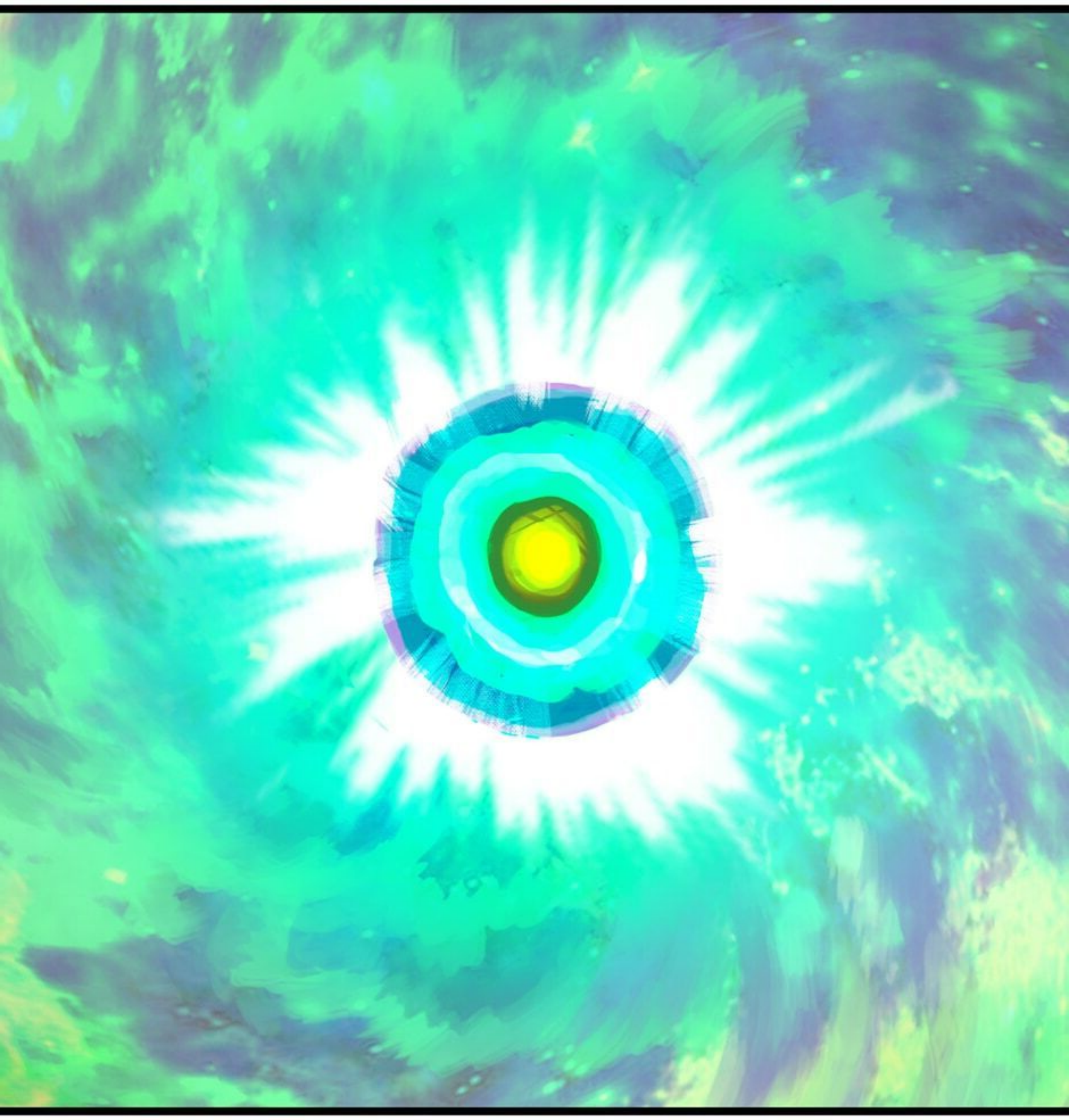
BUT, EPHYR...


YOU SHOULD LEARN TO TRUST OTHERS.
YOU'LL NEED SOMEONE BY YOUR SIDE,

IN CASE YOU GET SOMETHING IN YOUR EYE WHILE YOU'RE FLYING.



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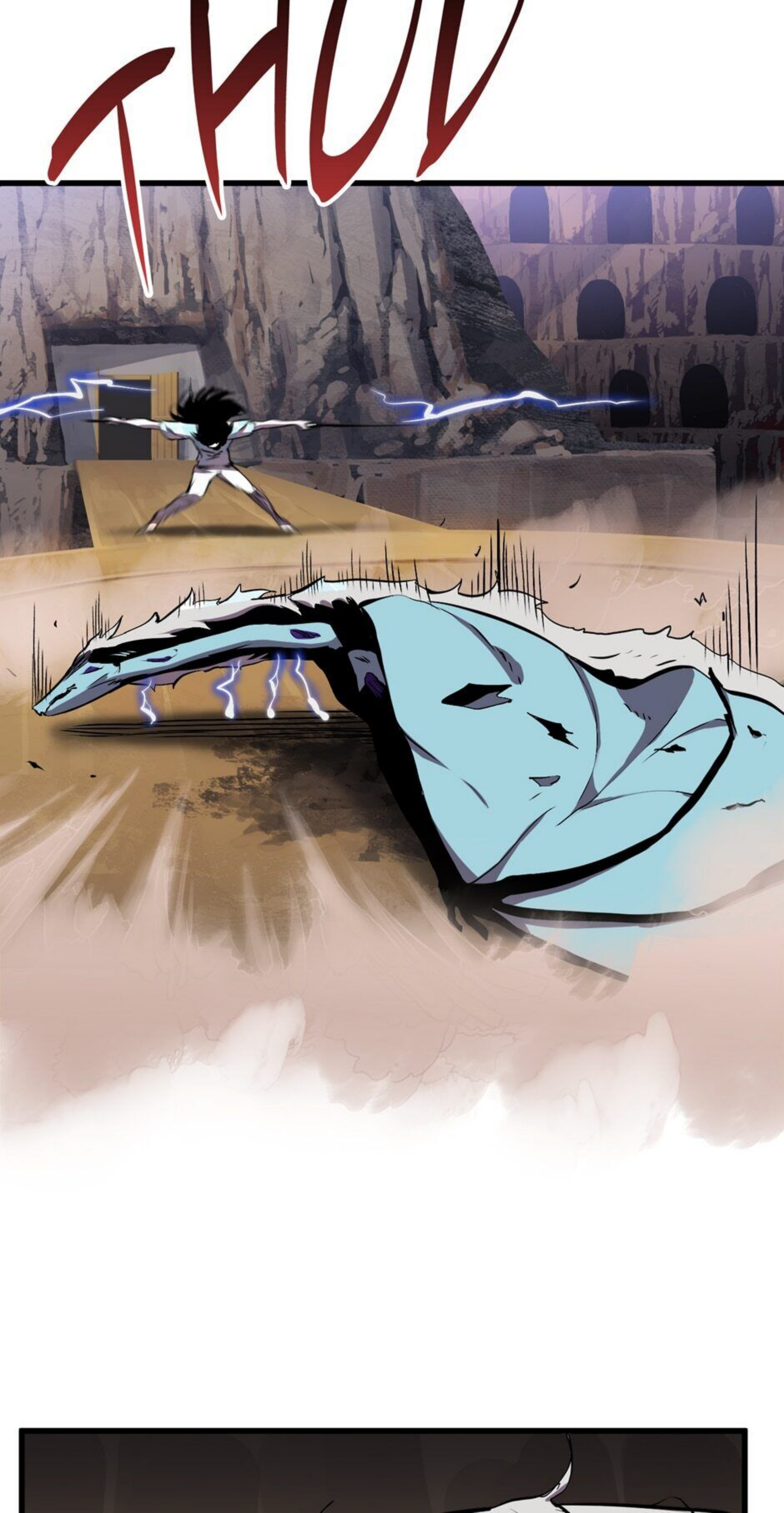
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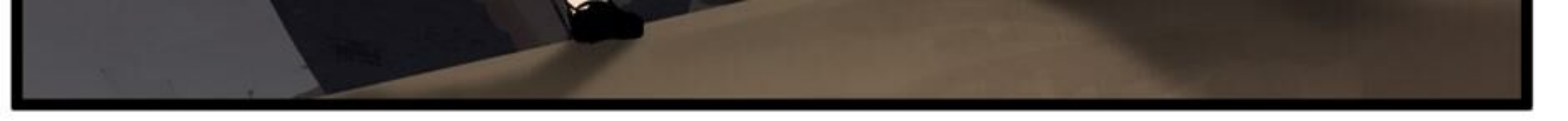
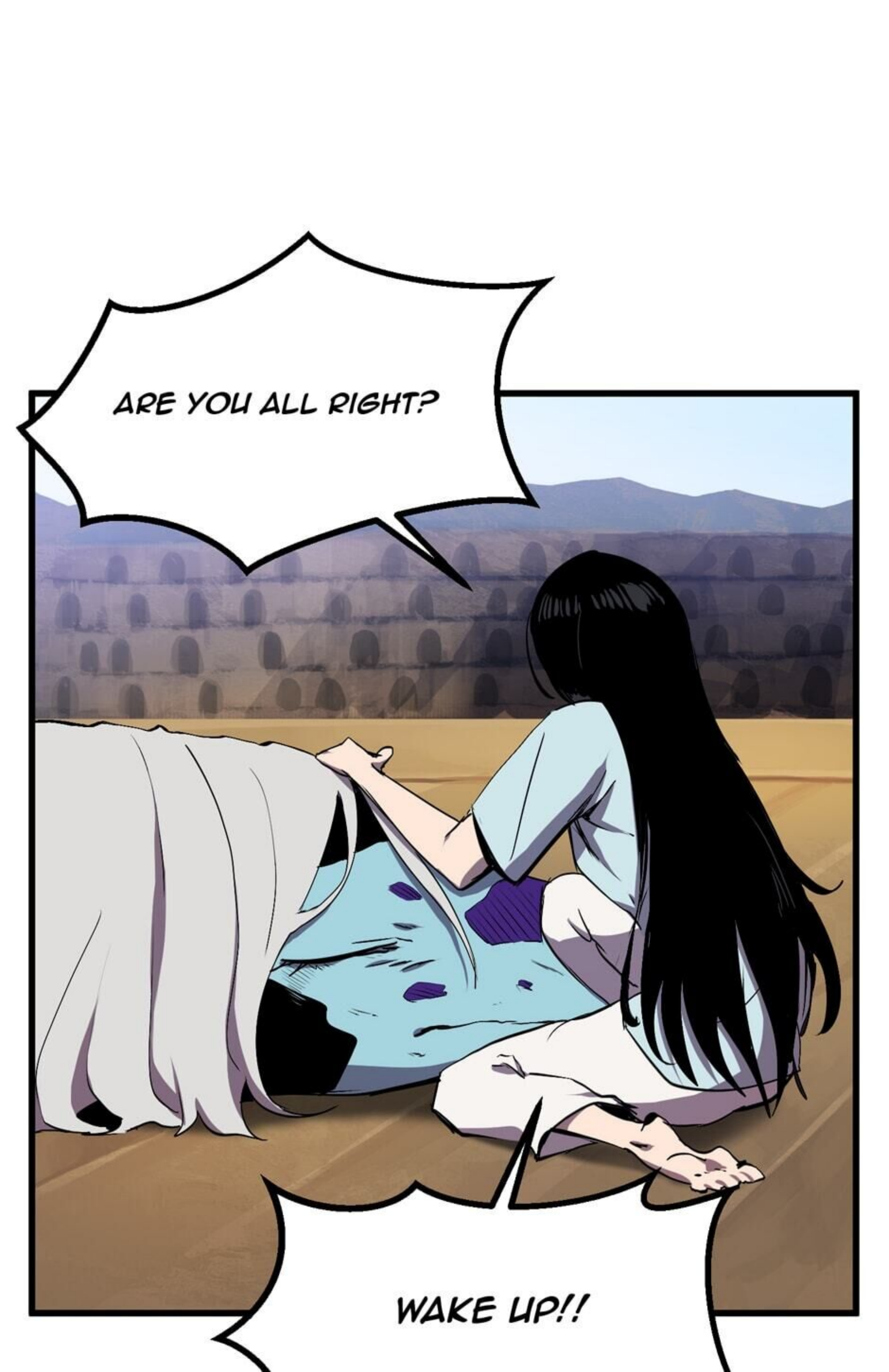
UGH

ELISE!!

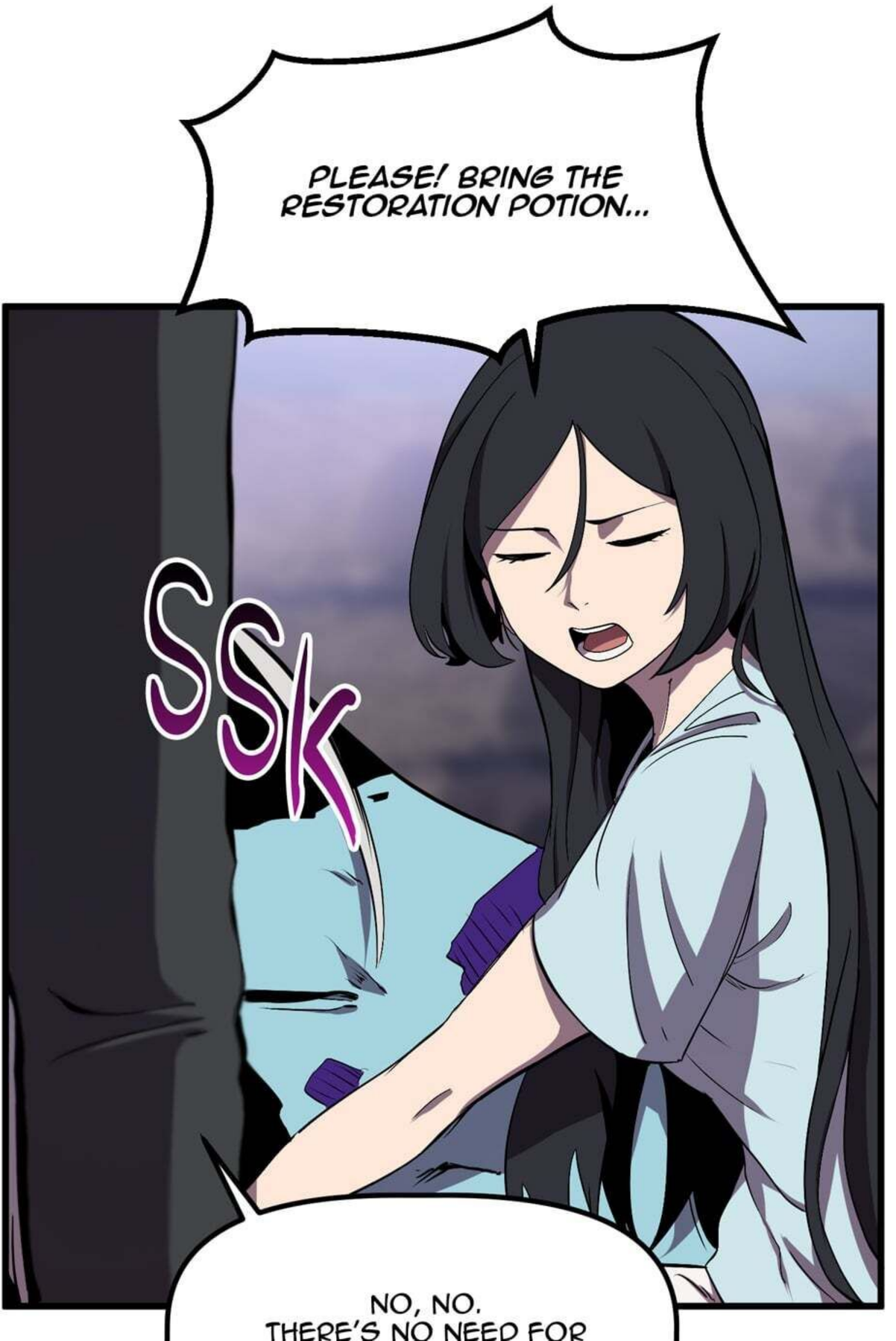
TAKA TAKA




ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WAKE UP!!

WHY...
DID YOU...
YOU'RE CONSCIOUS! WHAT A RELIEF!
YOU'VE JUST ABSORBED TOO MUCH OUTSIDE ENERGY TOO RAPIDLY, WHICH DISGUSTS YOU.

WHICH DISRUPTED YOUR INNER ENERGY FLOW.
LET ME TREAT YOUR PHYSICAL INJURIES FIRST.


PLEASE! BRING THE RESTORATION POTION...
SSK
NO, NO. THERE'S NO NEED FOR

THAT POTION.

IT'D BE A WASTE TO POUR A POTION OVER A DEAD BODY.
MR. ALEJANDRO! I THOUGHT YOU WERE...

I SAW SOMETHING FLASH IN THE SKY, SO I CAME BACK TO CHECK.

I HAD NO IDEA EPHYR WAS TRYING TO ESCAPE.

LEAVE IT BE.

BUT...
IT'S HARD EVEN FOR A DRAGON TO HANDLE THAT MUCH ENERGY.

THK
SO THERE'S NO WAY...
...A MERE WYVERN COULD.
BESIDES, IS IT REALLY WORTH IT? TO POUR OUT A POTION
JUST TO SAVE A WYVERN?

RIGHT?
I DIDN'T THINK SO.

TAKE
CARE OF IT,
THEN.

CLANK

I GUESS YOUR NAME IS EPHYR...
MY NAME IS ELISE.
SSK
WILL YOU... CLOSE YOUR EYES?

JUST IMAGINE...
YOU'RE A BOWL.
A BOWL FILLED
WITH WATER, OVERFLOWING.
MAKE
THAT WATER INTO
A MARBLE.

YOU'RE

DOING GREAT, EPHYR.
JUST LIKE THAT...

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TP
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NOW... CAN I GET THAT POTION?

...

ELLIE...

DOES IT DESERVE TO GET THE POTION NOW?
DRIP DRIP

OR DOES IT NEED MORE OF A REASON?
SSK

MS. ELISE! PLEASE STOP!!

MR. ALEJANDRO...

TCH...

THAT WYVERN BETTER PROVE ITSELF

WORTHY.

IT'S JUST THIS *ONCE!* DON'T THINK IT'LL WORK AGAIN NEXT TIME, ELISE.

THANK YOU,
MR. ALEJANDRO.

NNNGG...

IT'S JUST TOO STRANGE! THERE'S GOTTA BE A REASON FOR THIS, RIGHT?
A REASON WHY YOU SPARED ME.
...A REASON?

HAVE YOU EVER GROWN A PLANT BEFORE, EPHYR?

HMPH, I'VE HAD A SMALL VEGETABLE GARDEN BEF--
WAIT, ARE YOU GONNA EAT ME?!
NO! I DON'T EAT MY FLOWERS!!

YOU'RE LYING! WHY DO YOU HAVE PLANTS THEN?

I CAN'T SEE WITH MY EYES, BUT I CAN STILL FEEL THE WORLD AROUND ME BY SENSING ENERGY THROUGH THE ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE.

I CAN'T TELL THE COLORS OF THINGS, BUT I CAN SEE THEIR SHAPES, LIKE YOUR MANE.

BUT IT'S HARD FOR ME TO FEEL INANIMATE OBJECTS. THAT'S WHY I HAVE PLANTS AROUND.

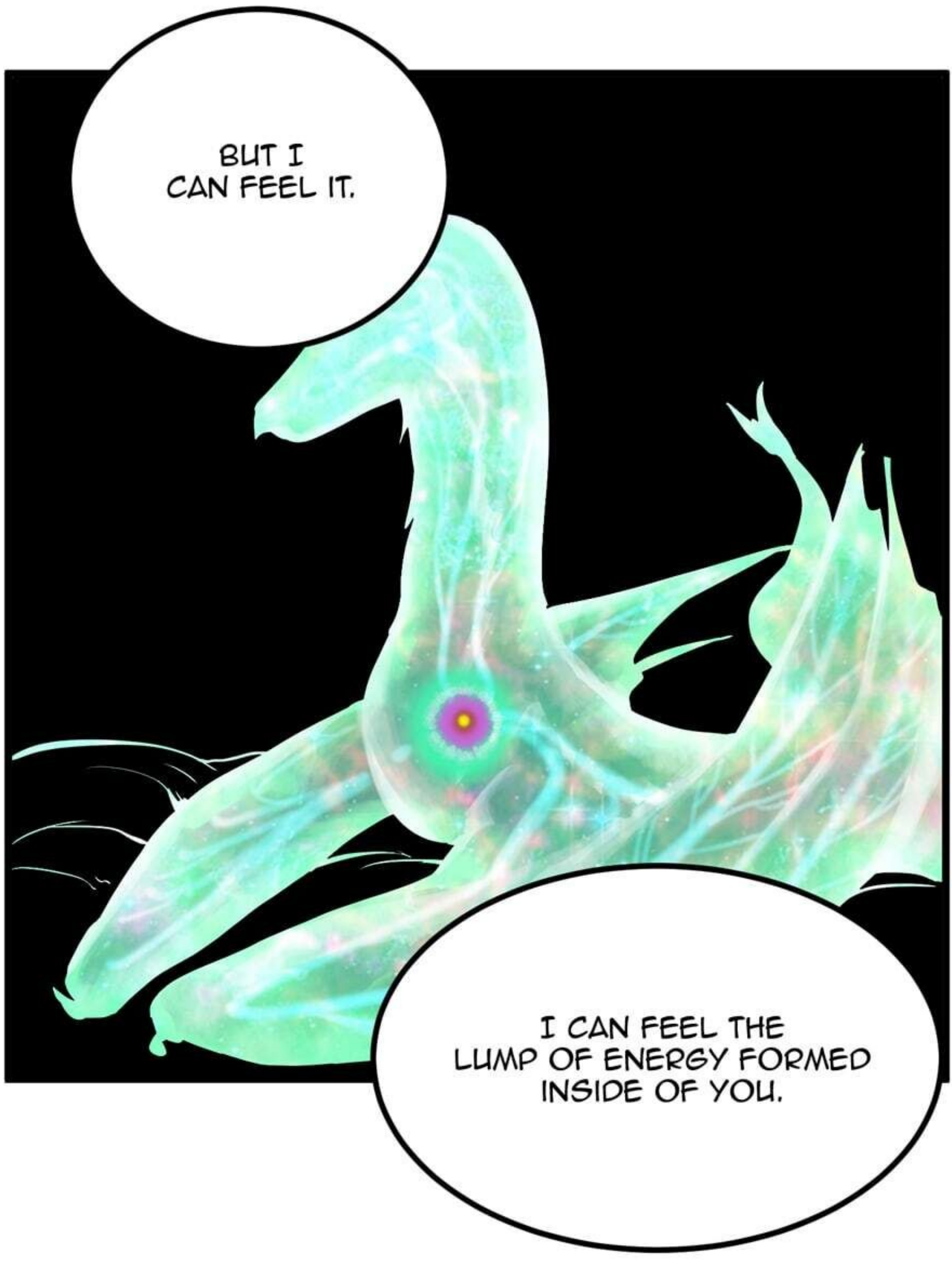
ANYWAY, NO ONE GIVES WATER TO SICK OR DEAD PLANTS.

BUT YOU SURVIVED EVEN AFTER TAKING IN THAT MUCH ENERGY.

THAT'S WHY
YOU GOT THE POTION?

MOST PEOPLE,
INCLUDING ALEJANDRO
WHO HAS A GUIDE LINE,

MIGHT THINK
YOU JUST GOT LUCKY.


BUT I CAN FEEL IT.
I CAN FEEL THE LUMP OF ENERGY FORMED INSIDE OF YOU.

I BELIEVE IT'S A DRAGON CORE.
NO WAY! I'M JUST A WYVERN!
WYVERNS STILL BELONG TO THE DRAGON FAMILY. MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE.
AND ESPECIALLY FOR A WYVERN WITH HIGH INTELLIGENCE LIKE YOURSELF...

I... INSTINCTIVELY CREATED A DRAGON CORE WHILE ABSORBING ENERGY...?

WAIT...

WASN'T ALEJANDRO LOOKING FOR A...

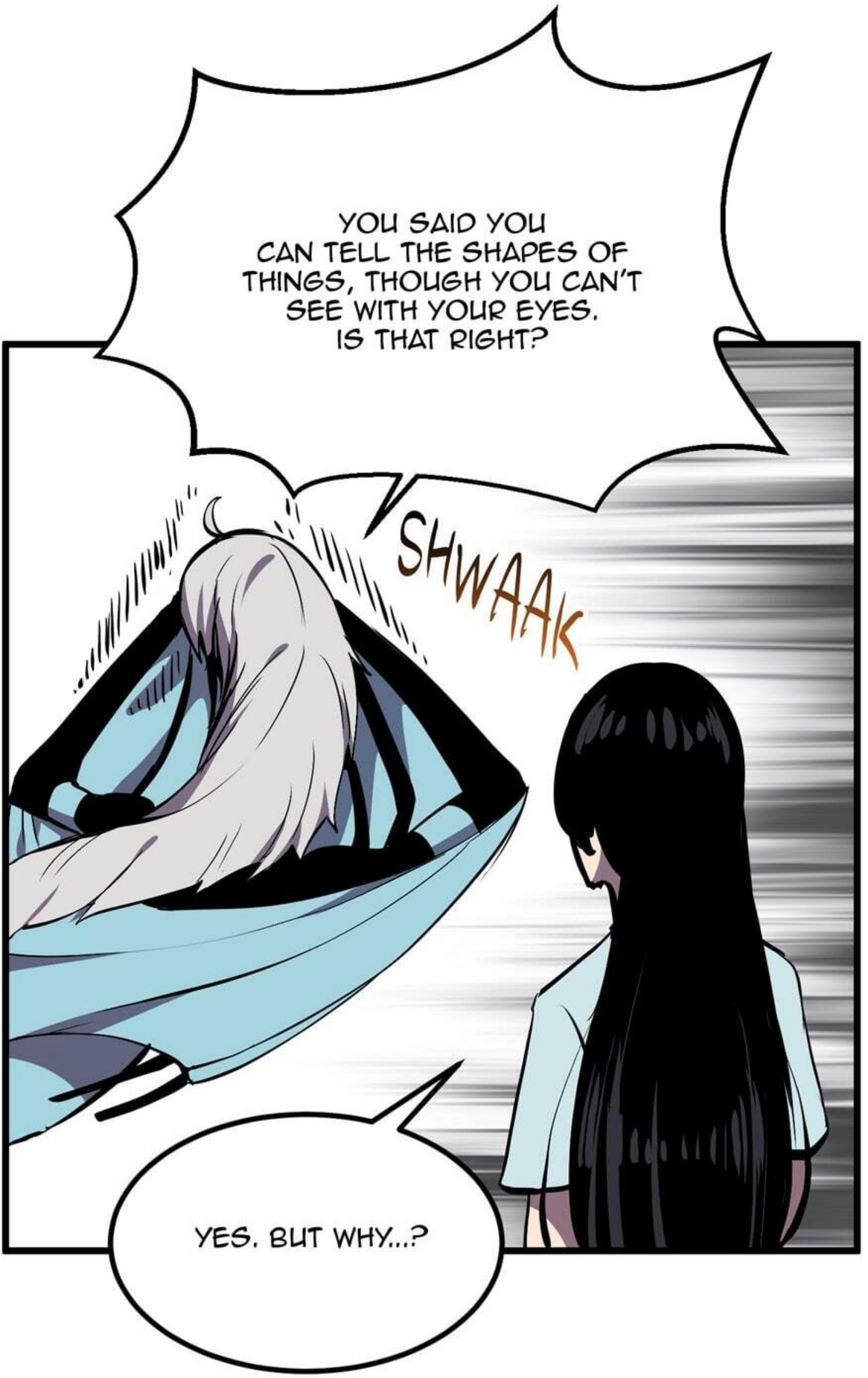
DRAGON CORE.
IT'S THE LAST INGREDIENT NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE IMPLANTED IN ME.

BUT I BROUGHT YOU HERE WITHOUT TELLING HIM ABOUT WHAT'S INSIDE OF YOU.
DO YOU STILL FEEL LIKE I'M A LOYAL SERVANT OF HIS?

WELL... IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT BASED ON WHAT HAPPENED...
NO! MAYBE THIS IS A PART OF HER ACT TOO!
BUT IT'S PURELY COINCIDENTAL I SURVIVED, SO SHE COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED FOR THIS...

WAIT... SHE DID SEE ME FLY OFF TO THE SKY. SHE MUST'VE REALIZED WHAT WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...

NO! EVEN IF I KEEP MAKING ASSUMPTIONS LIKE THIS, I'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT SHE'S REALLY THINKING...


YOU SAID YOU CAN TELL THE SHAPES OF THINGS, THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE WITH YOUR EYES. IS THAT RIGHT?
SHWAAK
YES. BUT WHY...?

TADA
I'M ALEJANDRO!

I LET A COW LICK MY HAIR UP EVERY MORNING~

WHICH COW SHOULD IT BE TODAY?
PFF... PFFFFT! STOP...!
OKAY, BETSY IT IS~
S-STOP... HAHAHA!

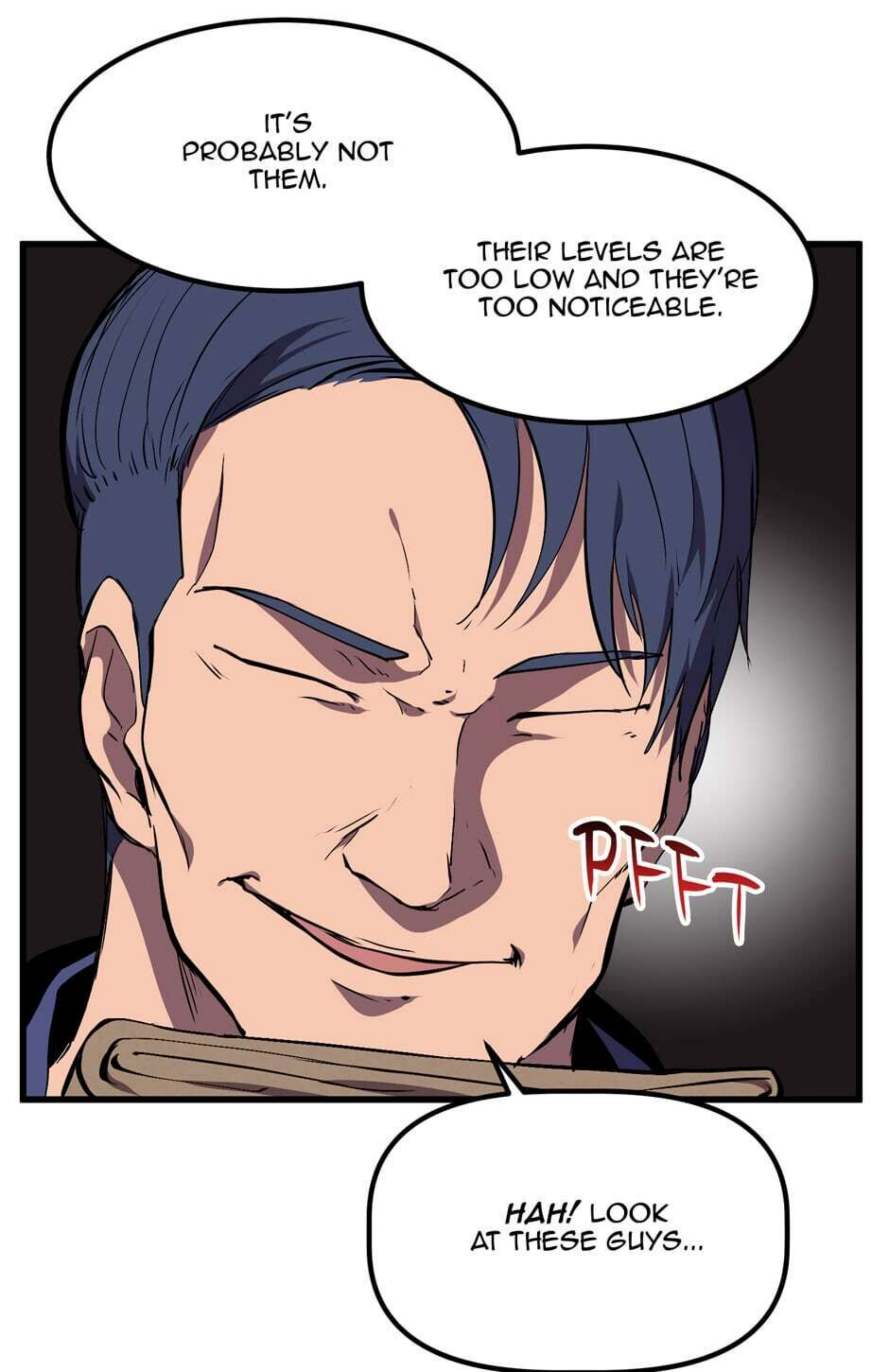
MR. ALEJANDRO.
TCH
THESE ARE THE HIGH-LEVEL HUNTERS WHO DRAMATICALLY INCREASED THEIR LEVELS THIS MONTH.

NO... HE'S NOT ON THAT LIST.
FRP
NOT HERE...? DO YOU THINK THE HUNTER YOU'RE AFTER MIGHT HAVE FLED HERE ALREADY?

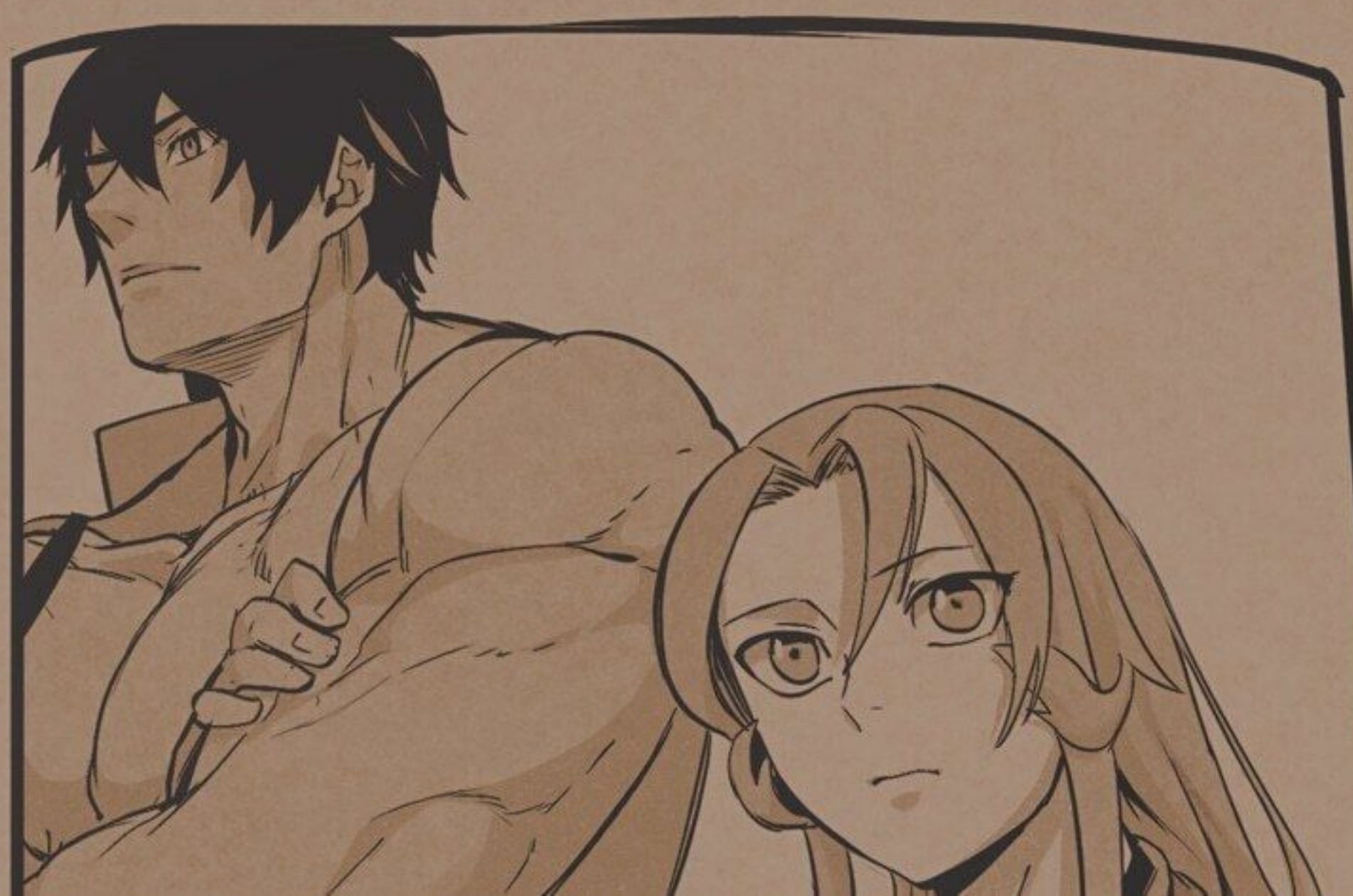
THERE'S NO WAY! THAT MEANS HE WOULD'VE GONE TO THE MIDDLE OF THE CONTINENT.
HE WOULD'VE HAD TO STAY HERE TO SAVE UP.
YOU CAN ONLY MAKE SO MUCH MONEY WITHOUT WORKING AS A HUNTER IN THIS TOWN. HE HAD TO HAVE MADE SOME NOTABLE RECORDS...

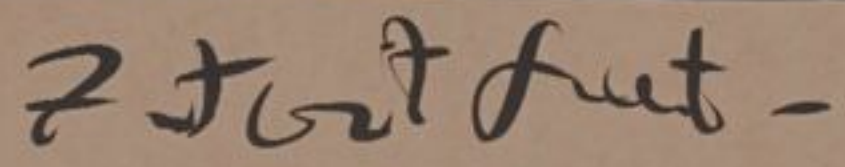
I'M SORRY, BUT THESE ARE ALL THE HUNTERS ABOVE LEVEL 50.
A NOTABLE HUNTER BESIDES THEM...
SK

THE HUNTER NEWSPAPER?


IT'S PROBABLY NOT THEM.
THEIR LEVELS ARE TOO LOW AND THEY'RE TOO NOTICEABLE.
PFFT
HAH! LOOK AT THESE GUYS...

THERE'S NO WAY THEY'D GO ANYWHERE UNNOTICED.





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CULTURE HOUSE